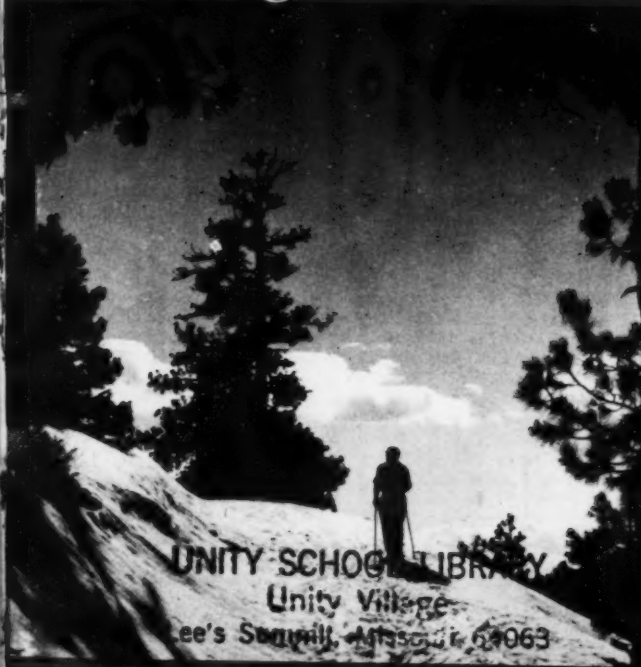


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PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought and purpose for the good of all humanity.

DEC. 20 to JAN. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): The new light in Christ guides and directs me in all my ways.

JAN. 20 to FEB. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): Christ radiance lights my mind, and I see with the inner eye.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): All my affairs are blessed by the new life in Christ with its many promises of prosperity.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): The divine activity of the Christ mind transforms and prospers my life and fulfills all my needs.

HEALING (9 p. m.): I rejoice in the restorative power of Jesus Christ now working mightily in a new consciousness of life in my soul and body.

HEALING (9 p. m.): The healing rays of the Christ light penetrate soul and body, and I am healed.

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Beginning Again

It matters not what may befall,

Beyond all else I hear the call

"You can begin again."

My courage rises when I hear

God's voice allay the thought of fear

And when He whispers gently, near,

"You can begin again."

When once quite all the world seemed
wrong,

Throughout its din I heard His song,

"You can begin again."

An inner joy within me stirred,

I treasured each assuring word,

My heart was lifted when I heard,

"You can begin again."

Begin again? Another chance?

Can even I make an advance?

"You can begin again."

Begin at once by taking heart

And knowing God—of you He's part!

New life to you He will impart!

"You can begin again."

—*Frank B. Whitney.*

The One Desire of All Men

THERE IS one desire that all men have in common, the desire to be able to take a new hold on life. This desire is most keenly felt after the individual has made mistakes, after he has experienced some shock of failure, after he has been thwarted in his efforts to progress. The early morning dawn discloses to him a new world. In his heart of hearts there is a soul cry: "I too should like to be born again with the morning dawn. I should like to begin again!"

His mind recalls how yesterday evening the inky blackness of night wiped out a day as if it had never existed. The sun rises with no memory in his heart of what happened the day before! His sunny countenance peeks over the horizon and awakens the whole world—to a new day? No; to a new existence, a new life.

There are those who have not caught the mystical message of sunrise. They have failed to find within themselves the spirit of eternal sunrise. Their inner vision, the eye of their soul, for the time being is blinded to the presence of the indwelling Spirit. They know not their own God, the God of new beginnings, the God of beginning again.

Those who have not caught the vision are those

who complain that they tried once but failed and that they know it is useless for them to try to make a new start. They cannot understand how others can be inspired with courage and progress, rise from defeat, and press forward to new endeavors. The man who knows not the Spirit in his own heart does not understand the man who catches the soul vision of new life, progress, beginning again.

There once was a man who waited patiently for the voice of encouragement. He found his cry heard, his soul desire fulfilled. From his pit of clay a great yearning went forth. He was tired of his old song of despair. In his patience he had caught something of the vision of better things. The song of praise came to his heart, a new song, a song of rising up out of despair, a new note of victory.

I waited patiently for Jehovah;

And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay;

And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.

In a modern world so needful of a new song this experience of David's finds its counterpart on

every hand. All of us know those in the pit of despair and discouragement who need a new song in their heart. "Harping on the same old tune" is a phrase often applied to those who continue to murmur and complain even when those about them catch the vision of new beginnings and sing a new song of going forward to new successes.

Jeremiah in thinking of the loving-kindnesses of Jehovah said, "They are new every morning." Jeremiah looked upon each day as one with new blessings from God. The man whose thought is upon the blessings of a new day cannot at the same time give his thought to his failures of the day before.

One of the difficulties encountered by teachers, ministers, and friendly counselors of others in trying to help those who come for advice is that of getting them to take a new hold. A person who years ago committed some act of indiscretion perhaps believes that in the sight of God he has committed an unpardonable sin. Another is so bound in the thought of being thwarted in his endeavors and of having failed in his attempts to succeed that he has no heart or spirit left for trying again. Another believes that there is no use in trying again because every door is closed to him. On every hand we find a large number of persons who

need the message of new courage, new life, new endeavor.

The one desire of all men is to feel that they can begin anew, that they can greet each new day with the feeling of new life, that they can feel the urge to press forward when things would seemingly retard them. Within the human soul is ever this urge. In fact even those who have not caught the message of hope and beginning again instinctively feel that such a thing should be possible to them. Even the faintest glimpse of the working of their inner Spirit is sufficient to cause them to push forward and upward.

Do we not see that all humanity is divided into two classes, those who despair, and those who have courage to advance? Those who believe that things of the world can defeat them and those who know that they have within them something that is undefeatable. Those who allow an early disappointment to dampen their spirits and those who use it as a steppingstone. Those who become engulfed by seeming defeat and those who gain a valuable and practical lesson from it. Those who let things master them and who master things. Those who let circumstances shout "Failure" to them and those who let their indwelling spirit cheer them on with "Try again!"

Is the innate desire to be born again at the

dawn something that you have discovered must be fulfilled? Does your soul demand the opportunity of taking a new lease on life at the beginning of each new day?

Possibly in order to do so you will need to change your entire viewpoint. You may need to reconstruct your faith, your philosophy of life. You may need to get an entirely new conception of God, of what and where He is, of yourself and your relation to Him. You may need to discipline your thinking in a way that you have not done before. You may need to see your world, your life, your environment, and your associates in an entirely new light. But if your life in the past has been bound to limitations of various kinds, if each day has found you in bondage to the mistakes of yesterday, you will welcome any change in your mental world if only you can attain the ideal of being able to rise again from every fall or stumble, to take a new hold on life when some effort has proved futile.

Go forth this day knowing that you emerge into a new world—a world of beginning again, a world of life and plenty, a world of friendship and understanding. Best of all, resolve in your heart to help someone else to the gospel of taking courage, to the message of beginning again.
—*Frank B. Whitney.*



Thoughts As Gifts

BEVA RICE

I THINK the very finest gift that one person can give to another is a new thought. It is something that can be used and enjoyed long after it is received.

Although the importance of thought is not new to me as a student of the Unity teachings, the idea of giving thoughts as gifts has just recently occurred to me. Here is something that I can give to another person, something as real as a birthday gift wrapped and tied in colorful paper and ribbon.

I do not remember specifically many of the material gifts that have been given me in my lifetime, but the thoughts that have been shared with me I shall never forget. Some of them have changed my whole way of thinking. As I think of them now in the light of gifts, I realize how

richly I have been blessed, how generously other persons have shared their ideas, their inspiration, with me.

Just as there are a thousand different things that can be given as gifts, so there is no end to the thoughts that can be shared. Most of us do not realize that we are giving gifts when we share our ideas with others. I know that the filling-station operator who kept a notebook handy in which he could jot down notes of interest to share with his customers and with his wife did not think of himself as giving his understanding, his wit, his knowledge of human nature for the entertainment and help of others.

I know that the woman who helped her husband overcome an inferiority complex by helping him to appreciate himself and make good use of his abilities did not think of herself as giving him a gift beyond price.

Again, the teacher who gave a friend of mine a new conception of God and life that resulted in her recovery from a disease pronounced incurable by the doctors did not think of herself as giving a gift, the gift of life itself!

There was a woman who needed employment but who was too old to meet the age requirements and felt depressed and downhearted about her prospects. A friend did not give her a job, but he

gave her the gift that she needed most—faith in God and faith in herself. His thought gift helped her see herself as a child of God, needed in His world, and free from man-made limitations. She found her right place because she took with her in her search the new idea that had been given her.

During this readjustment period when the lack of so many materials has created a shortage of the things we usually think of as gifts, the idea of giving thoughts as gifts has returned to me with new and fresh meaning. Surely at this time there is a far greater need of true and strengthening thought gifts than of many much sought for articles, even white shirts and nylon hose!

There are so many thoughts in our mental storehouse that we can give, and we find that the more we give the more we increase our capacity for giving. The ability to understand life increases as we seek to understand ourselves and other persons. The ability to give good thoughts increases as we increase our faith in God, our faith in good. The ability to share our thoughts effectively and eloquently increases as we practice sharing them. We find that we can make our thought gifts more attractive by wrapping them in appropriate words, that we can make them most acceptable by giving

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How Beautiful!

R. H. GRENVILLE

How beautiful the hands of those who
serve;

Who till the soil; who hang the wash
to dry;

While there is tenderness in every
curve

Of hands that quicken to a baby's cry!

How beautiful the feet of those who
come

On kindly errands up familiar ways.

How eloquent the voice of one whose
sum


Of speech has been encouragement and
praise!

To tangibles alone is not consigned

The whole of beauty, in itself abstruse

Save where the feeling heart and think-
ing mind

Unite to put them to some lovely use.



Wednesday

JANUARY 1

TODAY I BEGIN AGAIN. TODAY I AM A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS.

TODAY THE calendar on my wall indicates the beginning of a new year. Today the calendar in my heart indicates the beginning of a new life.

As I enter this new year I think of it as though it were the first year that I have ever truly lived. I look at my surroundings, my family, my friends, my acquaintances as though seeing them for the first time. The new spirit of Christ that fills me not only makes me a new creature but makes my whole world new.

With new faith in my heart, with new joy in my soul, I begin a new life. Nothing is quite the same as before, for I am not the same person. I have a new understanding, a new vision, a new comprehension of the things of Spirit.

Even the things of the past are made new to me, for I see the experiences that I have passed through in a new light; I see them as but the preparatory steps to this, my new life in Christ.

✿ *Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold they are become new.*—II COR. 5:17.

JANUARY 2

Thursday

GOD'S DIVINE LAW OF JUSTICE IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN ME AND IN MY AFFAIRS.

JUSTICE is more than an abstract idea. It is a way of thought and action that is founded on truth or, as someone has said, "justice is truth in action."

In Unity we believe that when there is a negative condition to be overcome the place for the overcoming to begin is in our thought about the condition. We do not concentrate on the negation; we turn our thought to the Truth of God and increase our understanding of it. If there is an appearance of injustice in your life, rather than fight the injustice, turn your thought to the justice of God. Know that in spite of appearances of injustice there is an underlying justice that pervades all things, and this justice cannot be defeated or retarded. If you have felt ill-treated or abused, change your thought to the thought that you are a child of God, forever one with His good, forever established in that which is your own.

*He is excellent in power;
And in justice and plenteous righteousness
he will not afflict.*

—JOB 37:23.

Friday

JANUARY 3

I AM GOD'S BELOVED CHILD IN WHOM HE IS
WELL PLEASED.

SOMETIMES A very minor happening will prove disturbing to us. We find ourselves filled with feelings of fear and doubt that are out of proportion to the happening that aroused these feelings in us.

Rather than condemn ourselves for our fear we can make this an opportunity to establish a greater degree of self-assurance. There is no better time to handle negative states of mind than when they arise in us. What called them forth is not important. What is important is that we free ourselves from the latent fears that keep us from being happy and confident and sure of ourselves all the time.

You may not see how declaring an affirmation like today's statement can help you gain self-assurance. But it is the truth about you, and when you affirm the truth about yourself something in you responds. Something in you tells you that you are not bound to unhappy states of mind, that you are strong and fearless and beloved of God.

✿ *Ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.*
—GAL. 3:26.

JANUARY 4,

Saturday

I LET GO OF EVERY BURDEN I HAVE CARRIED
FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS; I LET GOD TAKE
THE BURDEN AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

“LET GO and let God” is an old Truth axiom. Today I remind myself of this axiom. How true it is that I alone can do almost nothing to help a beloved friend or even the closest relative solve his problem. But if I affirm the power of God and see His power instantly at work to remove the trouble, I am indeed giving help, the most efficient help there is.

So as I meditate I think of each problem, big or small, which those near me are called upon to deal with—a child’s cough, a man’s business venture, a woman’s overflowing day of work, a student’s struggle with a certain subject—and I place each problem in God’s care. I “let go and let God.”

It is harder to bear a burden of anguish for another than for oneself. However as I “let go and let God” I find peace, and I know that the disease will be healed, the problem solved, the achievement made quickly and easily.

• *Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*—MATT. 11:28.

I AM THE PERFECT SON OF GOD.

IN GOD'S eyes you are just as sinless, just as perfect as the day He created you in His image and after His likeness. In all the experiences through which you pass in your soul unfoldment, the perfect self of you, the Son of God, is never touched, never affected. It remains the perfect, birthless, deathless self that is eternally one with God.

Regardless of the mistakes you may have made in life, there is a self of you that has never erred. When you become aware of this perfect self you are set free from self-condemnation. The mistakes that you may have made, the experiences that you have passed through are like a dream that is remembered no more when you awake to the light of Truth.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. . . . Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that . . . we shall be like him."

✦ *He cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.*—I JOHN 3:9.

JANUARY 6

Monday

I CONSTANTLY TURN TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE,
AND HIS WISDOM DIRECTS MY STEPS.

HOW WONDERFULLY reassuring it is to know that in times of doubt and indecision I can turn to God and unfailingly receive wise counsel and guidance. Nothing can upset me or make me doubt the outworking of good in my affairs when I am conscious of my oneness with God and His wisdom, my oneness with His power working in and through me to establish good. There is no darkness or obscurity when God is leading me, for His light shines clearly, illumining my path and revealing to me each step to take.

I turn to God in faith for guidance and depend on His help in managing every detail of my life. If I am perplexed, I quiet all anxious thoughts and acknowledge that He is directing me. I find indecision disappearing, and I know with confidence just which course to follow. As I put my whole trust in Him, as I rely on His wisdom to light my way, I am assured of continuous blessings.

*In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths.*

—PROV. 3:6.

Tuesday

JANUARY 7

BECAUSE THE CELLS OF MY BODY ARE DIVINELY INTELLIGENT THEY RESPOND INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE WORD OF TRUTH.

I NO LONGER think of my body as being unintelligent matter. My body is the handiwork of God, filled with His life, intelligence, and substance.

I realize that every cell in my body is an intelligent organism that obediently responds to the thoughts I hold uppermost in my consciousness. Therefore I am careful to think of my body as spiritual, as alive, as continually renewed with the omnipresent life of God. I praise every organ and function in my body for the splendid work that it performs.

I bless every cell in my body for its obedience to my spiritual word. I constantly think of the cells of my body as responsive to the Truth that I affirm. I know that my body cells are even now carrying on their perfect work.

I behold my body as radiant with Christ perfection, and I rejoice that even now this is a reality.

* *I know that my redeemer liveth . . . yet in my flesh shall I see God.*—JOB 19:26 (A. V.).

JANUARY 8

Wednesday

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF ME
COMFORTS AND SUSTAINS ME.

THERE IS A spirit in me that sustains and strengthens me in every experience I am called upon to meet. When in times of trial and human grief I feel the need of greater strength and understanding than my own to lift me up and bring me peace, I can turn to the loving, comforting presence of God's Spirit within me. No burden is too heavy for me to carry, no sorrow is too deep for me to meet with poise and courage, when I rely on His Spirit to uphold and bless me.

God is my unfailing refuge in all times of trouble. His light shines clearly, ready to dispel all darkness and illumine my mind. His love infolds me and lifts the burden of despair from my heart. I have only to turn to Him in faith, believing, to receive the comfort and peace I am seeking. Nothing can separate me from His light and love and peace, for His presence surrounds me and His strength is ever at hand to sustain me in time of need. The Spirit of God in the midst of me comforts and sustains me.

☛ *Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort.*—PSALMS 119:76.

Thursday

JANUARY 9

I AM ALWAYS IN MY RIGHT PLACE, FOR
WHEREVER I AM GOD IS.

I AM ALWAYS in my right place when I have an inner sense of rightness. The kind of work I do is not as important as my thought about it. If I give my best efforts to the task before me, even though the task itself be menial, I feel happy and right within myself, I experience the satisfaction that comes from self-forgetfulness in service.

In reality my right place is a right inner state rather than some particular place of employment, some particular locality, some particular environment. My right place is the place in consciousness where I am established in a spirit of peace and joy and satisfaction.

When I seek this inner right place, when I "seek . . . first his kingdom" I need no longer be anxious about attaining my right place in the outer. "All these things shall be added." Nothing can keep my own from me when I am in my right place spiritually.

✿ *Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—MATT. 6:33.*

JANUARY 10

Friday

I EXPRESS THE DIVINE ORDER OF SPIRIT IN ALL MY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS, AND MY LIFE IS PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY.

WHEN I LIVE daily in accordance with the law of divine order, when I express order in my thoughts and actions, my life becomes peaceful and harmonious. As I attune myself to this law and work with it, confusion and disorder disappear and smoothness and serenity are established in every detail of my life.

As each day begins, I take time to affirm my oneness with the divine order of Spirit. If something happens during the day's activities that seems upsetting or confusing, I still my thoughts and let the peace of Spirit pervade my mind and heart. I acknowledge that God, the very Spirit of order, is working in my affairs, bringing about a right and orderly solution to every difficulty.

Working with this adjusting law, keeping my mind poised and peaceful under all conditions, clears my path of obstacles and opens the way for God's abundant blessings to be made manifest in my life. Order and harmony are established in my mind, body, and affairs.

✿ *Let all things be done . . . in order.*—I COR. 14:40.

Saturday

JANUARY 11

THE LIGHT OF TRUTH NOW ILLUMINES MY
MIND, BODY, AND AFFAIRS.

EVIL IS ONLY a shadow cast by wrong thinking. It can be removed by eliminating the obstructing ideas and letting the light of Truth shine clearly, just as a dark room can be illumined by raising the shades and letting in the cheery sunlight.

Today in meditation I examine my life. If there are appearances of negation or of less than perfect conditions in my life—a bodily ache, a debt that I fear I cannot meet, or an unhappy environment—I pray for divine light to illumine me, to show me how, by misuse of God's gifts, I have brought this apparent inharmony into my life. I pray that the light of Truth may shine freely through me, removing every appearance of imperfection.

After making this prayer I refuse to lapse into my old dark state of consciousness. I go about my day's work joyously, knowing that the light of God is shining in me, through me.

☛ *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.*—JOHN 8:12.

JANUARY 12

Sunday

GOD'S LOVE, EXPRESSING ITSELF THROUGH ME, DRAWS TO ME ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE MY LIFE HAPPY AND COMPLETE.

THERE IS within me a mighty magnet that is powerful to attract to me all that I need to experience happiness, satisfaction, and fulfillment. This magnet is God's love. When I let God's love express itself in and through me it unfailingly draws to me the love and friendship of other persons and blesses me with happy and satisfying experiences.

When I acknowledge and use the attracting power of love I am never lonely or unhappy. The desires of my heart are richly fulfilled, and my life is filled to overflowing with joy and happiness.

If my life has been empty or lonely, lacking in happiness, I will begin today to let God's love express itself in and through me toward everyone I contact. I will keep my heart filled with love and good will toward all. I will keep my mind free from obstructing thoughts. All that I need to make my life happy and complete will be drawn to me.

☛ *Love . . . is the fulfilment of the law.*—ROM. 13:10.



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BIANCA BRADBURY

Wordlessly for hearts that hear God weaves
His own and lovely litany.
His is the music of the winter surf
That comes across the lonely sea.

The winter stars are bending down to bring
His comfort to the burdened earth.
In children's laughter, tremulous and clear,
There is His own and gentle mirth.

And down the purple hills He echoes, down
The valley echoing again
In thunder. Sometimes on a parching night
There is His whisper in the rain.

Above the strident tumult of the world
His strength and love and wisdom sing
Their way into the brooding, burdened heart
That waits in silence, listening.

Monday

JANUARY 13

TODAY I PRESS FORWARD TOWARD THE GOAL
I LONG TO REACH, THE GOAL THAT GOD HAS
SET BEFORE ME.

IF THERE IS in my heart a great longing for expression in a field that I have never entered, today I cease my stifling of this desire. Instead of pushing it aside with the thought that it is impossible, that I know nothing of the field, or that I cannot do it, I recognize my desire for what it is, a God-given desire.

In the silence of prayer I hold this desire close to my heart. I give thanks for the opportunity to express God in a new way. I place my desire in God's hands, and I make myself an open channel through which blessings may be given to the world.

Today, right where I am, I begin to do something to prepare myself. Perhaps I spend fifteen minutes of my lunch hour reading on the subject I am interested in; perhaps I investigate opportunities for study. I may be inspired to put words on paper; plans on a drawing board; or color on a sketch. I do something, no matter how primitive, to give expression to my heart's desire.

✿ *I must be in my Father's house.*—LUKE 2:49.

JANUARY 14

Tuesday

I GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME, AND I AM ABUNDANTLY PROSPERED AND BLESSED IN ALL MY WAYS.

A TRULY prosperous person is one who knows that he has within himself the capacity for intelligent creative thought and action. This person does not fear "a rainy day," "old age," or "tomorrow," for he knows that he is one with the creative intelligence of God, which never fails. He knows that as he gives expression to the creative Spirit of God he develops and expands his abilities; his progress is orderly and certain, and all is well with him.

Faith in one's own creative ability, which springs from the creative Spirit of God in man, is the only completely reliable and completely satisfying source of prosperity and abundant living.

Most persons think of big houses, stocks and bonds, large balances in the bank when they think of prosperity. But true prosperity is more than just the possession of things. It is the possession of a rich spirit, a continually increasing consciousness of oneness with God, it is intelligent creative thought and action.

• *Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*—PSALMS 1:3.

THROUGH SPIRITUAL VISION MY PHYSICAL SIGHT IS PERFECTED.

THE PSALMIST sings, "I will lift up mine eyes." This idea we can use effectively to improve our physical sight as well as enlarge our spiritual vision.

If our eyes need healing we can bless them by realizing that they are perfect organs of perfect sight. We can improve our eyesight by increasing our understanding of the things of Spirit, by seeing the goodness of God at work in our life, by lifting our consciousness through constructive thinking.

To "lift up" our eyes is to open our eyes to virtue and beauty, to comprehend the presence of God in all things great and small. It is to look through the commonplace to the divine, through the sordid to the beautiful. It is to see rays of hope and faith rather than shadows of doubt and fear. It is to behold strength where we have seen weakness. It is to love rather than hate. It is to focus our attention upon the perfect side of life.

*I will lift up mine eyes . . .
My help cometh from Jehovah.*

—PSALMS 121:1, 2.

JANUARY 16

Thursday

I AM IN HARMONY WITH THE RHYTHM OF SPIRIT, AND I HAVE AMPLE TIME FOR ALL THINGS.

TODAY'S statement will help you get in harmony with the rhythm and order of Spirit so that you will find it easy to accomplish the things that are before you on time.

Worry is one of the great time wasters. If you find yourself taking time to worry about whether you will be able to complete your tasks, call a halt to the worry thought by affirming that you have ample time for all things, that you have all the time there is, that you are in harmony with the rhythm of spirit.

Another time waster is the feeling of being burdened, of having too much to do. The very clock seems to race against us when we feel heavy and overworked. More often than not this feeling is due to our state of mind rather than the actual work. When we affirm that we are in harmony with the rhythm of Spirit, we change our attitude toward our work and approach it with a light heart and a confident spirit, and we find that we have more time and energy than we need.

♣ *Teach us to number our days.*—PSALMS 90:12.

DIVINE LOVE BLESSES ME AND THROUGH ME
BLESSES EVERYONE WHO ENTERS MY LIFE.

TODAY I open my heart to divine love, and I am warmed, comforted, and inspired. No matter what problems arise I meet each with love, knowing that there is no more powerful force than love, that it can solve any riddle, heal any disease, provide for any necessity.

Today I am an open channel for divine love. I meet all things with an outpouring of divine love. I silently speak a word of love to every person I meet on the street, stranger or friend. I give thanks lovingly for the everyday blessings—sunshine, bird's flight, daily bread, a child's trusting handclasp.

I remember that human love often falls short of divine love but that there is always a divine spark in it. I look for divine love in every human relationship. I am not possessive in my love, for I know that what is mine cannot be taken from me. I express only love, and I in turn am completely surrounded by love.

✿ *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God.*
—I JOHN 4:7.

JANUARY 18

Saturday

I AM LIFTED UP AND SUSTAINED IN PEACE
AND POISE THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
IN ME.

THERE IS nothing for me to fear, for I have within me the intelligence, the courage, and the spiritual stamina to meet victoriously anything I have to meet today or shall ever have to meet in all my life.

There is nothing for me to be anxious about, for it is not possible for me to lose what is my own; and with faith in the Christ in me, it is not possible for me to fail.

There is no need for me to feel dependent upon other persons. As I meet life day by day in a self-assured, open-minded attitude I find true security and soul satisfaction.

The Spirit of Christ in me is unfailing, all-wise, ever dependable. The Spirit of Christ in me is inspiring, enlightening, freeing. It is in this Spirit that I place my faith. It is upon this Spirit that I call minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day for peace and poise.

✿ *The mystery which hath been hid for ages and generations . . . Christ . . . the Hope of glory.—COL. 1:26, 27.*

Sunday

JANUARY 19

THE LIGHT OF GOD SHINING IN THE MIDST
OF ME ILLUMINES AND INSPIRES ME.

IN THE beginning God said, "Let there be light: and there was light." From the beginning this light of God has shone steadily and clearly, never for one instant going out. If there have been times when I felt that I was in darkness, it was only because I was looking away from the light. When I look to God for illumination and inspiration my path is always made plain and my way is made clear by His light shining in the midst of me.

I make this decree in my own life: "Let there be light." I place myself and all my affairs under the wise and loving direction of God. I clear my mind of all anxiety and doubt and know that His light is illumining my whole life. I know that I have access to a higher wisdom than my own in every decision I have to make. I look to God for counsel and guidance, and He leads me continually in paths of light. The light of God shining in the midst of me illumines and inspires me.

*For thou wilt light my lamp:
Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness.*

—PSALMS 18:28.

JANUARY 20

Monday

CHRIST RADIANCE LIGHTS MY MIND, AND I
SEE WITH THE INNER EYE.—UNITY CLASS
THOUGHT.

WHAT WE SEE with our mortal eyes is distorted and discolored by our human attitudes and reactions. But when the radiance of Christ lights our mind and we see truly, with the inner eye, we behold the eternal, limitless beauty of all God's creation.

Before you is a year yet new. It is filled momentarily with opportunities for you to live a fuller, richer, more abundant life. Will you continue to see only the apparent evils, the mistakes, the lost opportunities, or will you look unto Christ, who came to reveal the more abundant life of Spirit, and see only the infinite good, the true, the daily blessings that God showers upon you from the infinitude of His substance?

Each day of this year you will grow into a stronger, more powerful, richer son of God as you continue to let the Christ light, the inner radiance of Spirit, reveal to you the truth that all is good, and that good is eternal.

✿ *Now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be.*—I JOHN 3:2.

THE DIVINE ACTIVITY OF THE CHRIST MIND TRANSFORMS AND PROSPERS MY LIFE AND FULFILLS ALL MY NEEDS.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

ALL THROUGH the new year you will be prosperous and not experience lack if you can gain the realization that the Christ mind is ceaselessly active in your life. This Christ mind is the very Spirit of God in continuous activity, shaping the circumstances of your life out of the thoughts that you think.

The activity of the Christ mind is ever toward good, but because our mind tends to think in terms of negation and lack more often than in terms of positiveness and plenty, we experience difficulty in fulfilling our needs. However the solution to every problem of lack is at our command, namely to turn our thoughts toward Christ and let His loving presence transform and prosper our life and bring fulfillment of our every need.

Begin now, this moment, to recognize that every activity of your mind and body is Christ-inspired, dedicated to the achievement of good, and good will be abundantly manifested in every department of your life.

☛ *Ye shall eat the good of the land.*—ISAIAH 1:19.

JANUARY 22

Wednesday

THE HEALING RAYS OF THE CHRIST LIGHT
PENETRATE SOUL AND BODY, AND I AM
HEALED.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

IF YOU ARE sick at heart, ill at ease, or suffering in body or mind, lift up your eyes now to Christ, the light of the world. Call upon Christ, your Saviour, for aid. Let His light, the light that is eternal, illumine the darkness that clouds you and bring restoration and healing.

In a sense perfect health, where there is no shadow of illness or imperfection, is analogous to perfect illumination, where there is no shadow of darkness. If the brightness of our perfect health is dimmed by the shadows of illness, we need to gain a greater realization of Christ, whose light shines eternally within our soul. The healing rays of this Christ light can and will penetrate our soul and every cell of our body, bringing to us renewed life and vigor, and making us whole in every part.

Throughout the year let your heart rejoice in the healing light of Christ, through whom you have life eternal.

✿ *The Son of man [must] be lifted up, that whosoever believeth may in him have eternal life.*—JOHN 3:14, 15.

I GIVE WHATEVER IS NEEDED WHERE I AM TODAY, KNOWING THAT GOD'S DIRECTIVE WISDOM IS ADJUSTING AND HARMONIZING MY LIFE.

WHATEVER you need to do today, wherever you may be, whatever the conditions existing around you, accept your responsibilities with good grace. This is the right way to be set free from any unpleasant or unhappy situation or condition. If you resist your environment, your responsibilities, your place in life, you only increase your unhappiness.

Wherever you are God is. Allow Him to work through you and trust Him to place you where you will be blessed and will give a blessing.

This is the way in which one of the most important victories of your life will be won. As you surrender all feeling of resistance and rebellion and yield yourself to God's loving presence, you will find inner content and peace of mind. As surely as darkness gives way to light, you will be free from all unhappy conditions, and God will adjust and harmonize your life.

✿ *The place whereon thou standest is holy ground.*
—EXOD. 3:5.

JANUARY 24

Friday

I LOOK FOR AND FIND A BLESSING IN EVERY
EXPERIENCE.

JACOB wrestled in the night with a stranger who turned out to be God Himself. Sometimes, like Jacob, we do not recognize the presence of God with us. We resist circumstances that are actually for our good.

If we will look for the good that is present in all persons and all situations, we shall surely find it. If we will look beyond appearances to the perfection of God, we shall surely bring it forth in our life and affairs. If we will seek a blessing from what appears to be unhappy or negative experiences, we shall surely receive one.

If you have been wrestling with some personal problem, say to it, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Refuse to give way to despair, refuse to be defeated in spirit. When you take such a stand you are blessed with greater understanding and increased faith, and you are able to meet and handle every problem victoriously. Like Jacob, you will be able to say, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

✿ *I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*—GEN. 32:26.

Saturday

JANUARY 25

MY EYES ARE OPEN TO THE BEAUTIES OF ALL
GOD'S CREATION; MY EARS ARE OPEN TO HAR-
MONY EVERYWHERE.

WHAT DO I see as I go about the activities of this new day? Do I behold those about me as children of God? Do I recognize in the experiences of today new opportunities to grow in wisdom and to expand in love and understanding?

What do I hear? My ears are blessed instruments for the reception of all that is beautiful and noble and true. Do I listen for the Truth? Am I constantly on the alert to hear the still small voice within me and the voice of Spirit speaking through others?

I go forward in the spirit of joyous expectancy, confident that my Father's world is filled with good.

"This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres."

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament sheweth his handiwork.*

—PSALMS 19:1.

JANUARY 26

Sunday

I AM CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES OF GOD'S
BLESSINGS.

GOD is blessing me now. His love, so infinite and tender, infolds me. I can never be separated from Him or from His blessings. His light blesses my mind and gives me wisdom and understanding. His life blesses my body and gives me radiant health and strength. His substance blesses my affairs and gives me abundant supply for every need. His peace blesses my heart and gives me serenity and security.

This day I acknowledge my oneness with God and with His blessings. I keep my mind and heart so filled with the awareness of God and His goodness that there is no room for error. I look beyond all seemingly negative appearances and behold only God's blessing coming into manifestation. If something seems to be going wrong, I quietly affirm, "God is blessing me now," and bring myself into the consciousness of His love and blessing.

God is constantly pouring out His blessings upon me. I have only to believe and receive.

✿ *How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!*
—PSALMS 139:17.

Monday

JANUARY 27

I PLACE MYSELF AND ALL MY AFFAIRS LOVINGLY IN THE HANDS OF THE FATHER.

As YOU turned to this page this morning, you probably were thinking of the day ahead, of the things that you will do, of the persons you will meet, of the decisions you will make.

There is no better way to begin a new day than to place yourself and all your affairs lovingly in the hands of the Father. If you do this you will find that things will go smoothly all day long. You will find that you have time to do the things you need to do, that you have the ability to execute every task with efficiency. You will find that your relations with other persons will be happy and harmonious. You will find it easy to make wise and right decisions. You will find that you can solve any problem, that you can overcome any worry as you place yourself and all your affairs lovingly in the hands of the Father.

Say to yourself now, "I place myself and all my affairs lovingly in the hands of the Father."

*The works of his hands are truth and justice;
All his precepts are sure.*

—PSALMS 111:7.

JANUARY 28

Tuesday

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

I TURN to God in all things, knowing that with Him all things are possible. This realization is the anchor of my life; it gives me a sense of well-being; it makes me know that I have nothing to fear.

Because I know that with God all things are possible, the road ahead becomes an invitation to new joys and opportunities rather than a fearsome path that may lead to difficulties.

Because I know that "with God all things are possible," there is no problem that is without a solution; there is no situation that cannot be molded to my good.

As I turn to God for His counsel I realize that even the darkest night has its illumination, that faith is the bridge that brings me through the night safely to the promising dawn.

With God's leadership I feel strengthened and encouraged. With Him as my companion, I know a greater wisdom and understanding. With His love I am warmed, and I go forward to my good.

✿ *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*—MATT. 19:26.

GOD SATISFIES MY LONGING SOUL AND FILLS
MY LIFE WITH HIS GOOD.

SOMETIMES we feel a longing in our soul for what we do not know. If we were asked to describe our feeling we should have to admit it is general dissatisfaction with life, a feeling of being bound by circumstances and limited by our own inadequacies.

Such a feeling is an encouraging rather than a discouraging sign. For it is a sign that we are outgrowing old ways and old ideas, that we are ready for new growth. It is a time to test our wings, to rise higher in thought, to enter into a new consciousness of freedom.

All our life we progress toward freedom, the freedom that is our divine birthright as children of God. Sometimes this progress produces "growing pains," for it is not always easy to give up old ideas, to let go of limiting habits. But when we take even one step toward a new life, God is with us to bless us and help us, to satisfy our longing soul and to fill our life with His good.

✿ *I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things.—REV. 21:6, 7.*

JANUARY 30

Thursday

"PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR."

IF I AM afraid of anything or anyone I say to myself, "Perfect love casteth out fear." I think about what this means. It must mean that I cannot fear anything that I love. So rather than try to cast out fear through will power I think about love, I give expression to the perfect love of God that is in me, and I overcome my fear.

If I love God's world I am not afraid to go to any part of it. If I love God's creation I am not afraid of man or beast. If I love God I have faith in His presence in all persons, in all places, in all things.

"Perfect love casteth out fear." Perfect love leads me in safe paths. Perfect love fills me with courage and wisdom. Perfect love inspires me and gives me self-confidence. Perfect love speaks through me in kind and loving and understanding words. Perfect love acts through me in generous and thoughtful and helpful deeds. Perfect love gives me the courage to go anywhere, to meet anyone, to do anything. Through perfect love I cast out fear and live in joy and peace.

☛ *There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear.*—I JOHN 4:18.

Friday

JANUARY 31

I LOOK FOWARD TO INCREASED SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING AND INCREASED MATERIAL BLESSINGS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE PRESENT ATOMIC AGE.

THIS IS A spiritual age. By daily praying and by daily living up to the highest precepts I know I make my contribution to world-wide spiritual awakening. I give thanks that I am here to share in this exciting and stimulating age.

Atomic energy can bring freedom from want to every corner of the world; a corresponding spiritual energy can give freedom from fear. I bless the scientists who are working to harness this atomic energy and who in so doing are coming ever closer to the "spiritual scientists" who seek to increase spiritual knowledge.

I recognize that misuse of God's laws can be as destructive to the soul as misuse of atomic energy can be to the body and to this planet. I refuse to waste one single atom of spiritual energy in fear; rather I look to the present as a time of the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.

✿ *No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*—LUKE 9:62.

Thoughts as Gifts

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them in a spirit of love and friendliness.

While it is plain to see that the world needs the gift of ideas that will enable all men to live together in peace and plenty, most of us do not think of ourselves as having ideas great enough to share with the world. But the world begins for me where I am, it begins for you where you are. We hear much these days about spheres of influence in relation to world affairs. Each of us has his own sphere of influence. I may not be called upon to bring my ideas to the conferences of the nations, but I can contribute my thought gifts to the persons about me. Such giving of constructive and uplifting thoughts will help me to make life more interesting for me, and I will be doing my part to bring peace to the world.

Wait before Writing

During the latter part of the Christmas season transportation and delivery of mail may be slowed, so please allow plenty of time for your Unity orders and the Unity periodicals you regularly receive to reach you. While the Christmas mail congestion lasts into January, practically no mail is lost as a result, but delays do occur. Will you assist us by waiting patiently for your literature to arrive? Thank you.

"Give Ye Them to Eat"

Jesus, when reminded of the hunger of the multitudes who listened to Him on the seashore and later followed Him to the desert, answered, "They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat."

People continue to awaken to a great hunger, a hunger that can be satisfied only by the Spirit of truth. Very early in the Unity work it was noted that sometimes persons hungering for Truth felt unable to afford the price of a Unity book or subscription. Charles and Myrtle Fillmore thereupon declared that no one who desired Unity literature should be turned away.

Today Unity continues to send literature free to all who express the desire to receive it yet feel unable to pay for it. Unity students like to join Unity in the work of spreading Truth to others. This desire to help Unity provide literature for others has created and established the Good Neighbor Fund, which not only provides books and magazines for many individuals here at home but also much of Unity's foreign literature sent to individuals abroad.

"Give ye them to eat," commanded Jesus. Unity's Good Neighbor Fund gives assurance that all who hunger for Truth will be fed.

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Announcing

The 1947 Unity Lenten Program

Because the 1947 Lenten season begins February 19, several weeks earlier than usual, Unity wishes to call your attention now to this devotional period so that you will have plenty of time to make your preparation for observing Lent the Unity way. For it is during Lent that Unity students everywhere consecrate themselves to the attainment of a higher spiritual consciousness. As the basis for the observance of Lent, Unity recommends the book **TEACH US TO PRAY**, by Charles and Cora Fillmore, and The Unity Lenten Program, a free booklet prepared to help students get the most out of their Lenten study. **TEACH US TO PRAY** is priced at \$1 a copy (study guide included free with each order, or sent upon request to anyone who already has a copy of the book). By ordering now you will be assured of your books reaching you on time.

WEEKLY UNITY

WEEKLY UNITY is a friendly eight-page paper that is particularly helpful to new students. It is full of practical ideas and suggestions that you will find immediately usable. Each issue has articles that explain Truth simply and clearly. In addition to articles and poems the following features appear regularly:

A column by Lowell Fillmore, a message from Silent Unity, a digest of current religious news, a metaphysical interpretation of the International Sunday school lessons, accounts of answered prayers.

The price of **WEEKLY UNITY** is \$1 a year. Let it supplement your **DAILY WORD** reading during the coming year.

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The Prosperity That Endures

You may have seen the affairs of persons change from a state of plenty to actual want, and you may have thought momentarily that this seems to be the natural course of life. But as a Truth student thinking from the standpoint of Truth you know this is not natural. No, you know that it is not God's nature to withhold His good from man but to bestow enduring prosperity upon His children, if they will but look to Him continually as the one source of their supply.

If you have found it difficult to keep the truth of God's abundance uppermost in your consciousness, you will find the Unity Prosperity Bank a good reminder of the "giving" nature of God and a builder of a consciousness of enduring prosperity. Thousands of Unity students are now using the Bank plan of prayer and practice; they are overcoming their belief in lack. Why not accept Unity's help in your building of a consciousness of enduring prosperity by sending for a Prosperity Bank?

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Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you,
This is the year that your dreams come true!
This is the year that your ships come in;
This is the year you find Christ within.
This is the year you are glad to live;
This is the year you have much to give.
This is the year when you know the Truth;
This is the year when you find new youth.
This is the year that brings happiness;
This is the year you will live to bless.
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